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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR "COLD FIRE 77"

REF: USNATO 4876 (DTG 071504Z JUN 77)

1. DURING BRIEF JUNE 14 POLADS DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR "COLD FIRE 77" IMS REP POINTED OUT THAT COLD FIRE WILL BE AN AIR EXERCISE, RATHER THAN A "COMBINED LAND AND AIR EXERCISE" AS IN ORIGINAL DRAFT PRESS RELEASE (REFTEL). ACCORDINGLY, INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS NOW ISSUED REVISED FIRST PARA OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: EXERCISE COLD FIRE 77, A MULTINATIONAL AIR EXERCISE, WILL BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD 12TH TO 16TH SEPTEMBER 1977 THROUGHOUT THE ALLIED FORCES CENTRAL EUROPEAN REGION IN CONNECTION WITH SEVERAL EXERCISES TO BE ANNOUNCED SEPARATELY. END QUOTE.

2. THE REST OF THE DRAFT PRESS RELEASE, BEGINNING WITH PHRASE "PARTICIPATING IN EXERCISE COLD FIRE ..." IS AS CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORTED IN REFTEL.

3. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: SINCE COLD FIRE IS AN AIR EXERCISE, AND THUS NOT NOTIFIABLE UNDER CSCE/CBMS, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE TITLE OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE BE CHANGED TO READ "PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOR EXERCISE 'COLD FIRE 77'." THIS FORMULATION WOULD AVOID IMPLICA-

TION THAT ALLIES INTEND TO NOTIFY COLD FIRE UNDER CBMS.
REQUEST GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR JUNE 21 POLADS MEETING.
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